IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.R.UDAYABHANU

MONDAY, THE 25TH JUNE 2007 / 4TH ASHADHA 1929

CRL.A.No. 481 of 2000()

CC.454/1996 of JUDL.MAGISTRATE OF FIRST CLASS-II, KOLLAM

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APPELLANT: COMPLAINANT

K.GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI
ROOPASREE NEVAS
PUNUKKANNOOR
PERIMPUZHA P.O., KOLLAM.

BY ADV. SRI.SHABU SREEDHARAN

RESPONDENTS: ACCUSED AND STATE

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1. P.DATHAN
   MADATHIL HOUSE
   KANNIMEL CHERRY
   MARUTHADY, KOLLAM.

2. STATE OF KERALA
   REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
   HIGH COURT OF KERALA

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI.C.K.SURESH BABU

THIS CRIMINAL APPEAL HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 25/06/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.R.UDAYABHANU, J

Crl.A.No.481 of 2000

Dated this the 25th day of June, 2007

JUDGMENT

The appellant is the complainant who had initiated proceedings under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. The accused stands acquitted under Section 256(1) of Crl.P.C. as the complainant was absent.

2. It is submitted that the lapse was on account of the wrong noting of the posting date. In the circumstances, the order of the court below is set aside. The court below is directed to permit the appellant to further proceed with the matter and dispose of the case on merits. The court below shall issue fresh summons to the accused. The appellant shall appear before the court below on 30.7.2007.

The appeal is allowed.

K.R.UDAYABHANU,
JUDGE

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